

Minutes from 11/13 GLBR Board Meeting

Attendees:

Bob Smedile - President

Joe Robillard - Vice President

Treasurer - Jacque Southerland

Equipment - Leif Larsen

Player Agent - Todd Frazier

Webmaster - Gene Gotimer

Meeting opened by Bob at 7:30 PM

Review of previous month's minutes was not conducted due to minutes not available.

Bob noted minutes are very important and wants to ensure we have precise information available moving forward.

The board agreed and will provide a summary of future meetings on the website to keep parents and players informed.

Bob presented the agenda and we moved to the next order of business;

Introduction of Cal Ripken 50/70 12U Baseball:

The board discussed the viability to fund and build the league so it is sustainable.

Todd Frazier has discussed the idea with many coaches, parents and players. Preliminary information indicates the likelihood to field 8 teams.

The board discussed several scheduling options for the league and determined a 10 game Sunday schedule would generate the maximum participation.

A motion was made by Leif Larsen to submit the charter for the Cal Ripken 50/70 league. The motion was seconded by Todd Frazier. All board members present were in favor - Motion passed.

GLBR Board will need to file a charter to the Cal Ripken League: Action: Bob Smedile to complete and submit charter.

Cal Ripken Baseball has a Field Grant Improvement Program: Action: Todd Frazier to investigate a possible grant for field improvements.

Registration Process:

The board discussed registration process, record keeping and fees.

The board discussed the feasibility to confirm registration receipt. Several alternatives are available but it was determined this was best done by the secretary via a simple database and email confirmation.

It was decided to wait to discuss registration fees until after the draft budget was presented.

Locations and date/time for walk-in registration was discussed: Action: Joe Robillard to coordinate time and location for approval at next board meeting.

Advertising registration will be put in as many local papers as feasible and dropping flyers at local schools and community centers: Action: Todd Frazier: Create paper advertisement and flyer.

Honoring exiting Board Members:

The board discussed recognizing exiting board members for their service. The time and effort put in by these volunteers creates opportunities that would not be otherwise available.

A motion was made by Joe Robillard to present exiting Board members with a gift certificate to Magnolia's in Purcellville. Second by Jacque Southerland. All board members present were in favor. Motion passed. Action: Jacque Southerland to invite ex-board and coordinate certificates.

Budget update:

Jacque Southerland presented the preliminary budget for the 2008 year.

Current balance was given. A CD is due for renewal. The CD when established was designated for field improvements.

A motion was made by Jacque Southerland to renew the CD and allocate an additional amount and place it in an interest bearing account that can be drawn on for field improvements to Woodgrove Park in Round Hill. Second by Leif Larsen. All board members present were in favor. Motion passed. Action: Jacque to notify bank of intent to renew CD and allocate an additional amount in an account for field improvements.

Authorization signature cards need to be signed. Action: Jacque to coordinate for Bob and Joe to sign bank cards.

Based on the preliminary budget Jacque Southerland made the motion to set registration for 13 - 18 yr old Babe Ruth at \$140 and 11/12 Cal Ripken to \$100. Second by Todd Frazier. All board members present were in favor. Motion passed. Note pizza cards will be included as part of the registration. The Babe Ruth Registration will include 4 pizza cards and Cal Ripken will include 2 pizza cards.

Discussed the need to find someone to be responsible for the concession stand.

Budget scheduled to be approved at December 11 meeting.

Equipment needs:

Preliminary equipment need information was presented by Leif Larsen.

Please refer to separate sheet for detailed information.

District Uniform discussion centered around the league or the players funding the uniforms for district tournaments. Need to agree on the best way to do this.

Umpire Contract:

Action: Bob to contact Umpire Association to begin negotiation for 2008 fees.

Certification for managers:

All managers must take and pass the Babe Ruth certification course.

Action: Todd to provide Gene info on certification to put on web.

Motion by Jacque Southerland to reimburse managers for the certification cost of \$20. Second by Todd Frazier. All board members in attendance were in favor. Motion passed.

Loudoun Youth Sports Council Meeting:

Bob explained a council in Loudoun county focused to advance youth sports. Todd Frazier volunteered to attend the council meetings to represent GLBR.

Web page:

It was discussed throughout the meeting to have better communication. As a result we will have a feedback location on our website. Action: Gene to create feedback tool. Second Action: Gene to update web site with Board Member contact info.

The Umpire in chief and concession board positions are still open. We need to find volunteers to fill these much needed positions.

Sponsors:

Discussion to have a board member coordinate sponsors to relieve this duty from managers and coaches.

Next meeting will be at 7:00PM December 11 at Magnolia's.

Meeting closed and adjourned by Bob Smedile.